

Bay Trail Planning Grant Application Score Sheet

Applicant: Sonoma County Regional Parks		
Project Title	Sears Point Trail Connection	
Project Description	<p>Planning and preliminary design work for Bay Trail spine segment and trailhead connecting the Sears Point Bay Trail to Hwy 37, and to the Tubbs Island/Tolay Creek Trailhead.</p> <p>Three segments need further study for future trail development:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trail connecting the Sears Point Bay Trail—currently under construction—to Highway 37. 2. Trailhead at intersection of Highways 37, Highway 121, and Tolay Creek Road. 3. Trail from Highway 37/121 intersection to Tubbs Island and Tolay Creek Trailhead <p>The feasibility study would evaluate existing conditions such as right-of-way mapping, Highway 37 traffic, sea level rise, and future plans, initial outreach to regulatory agencies and stakeholders, and resource studies needed to inform trail alignment. A preliminary design plan and cost estimates would be produced for the future acquisition and trail development.</p>	
Funding Request		\$100,000
Total Project Cost		\$125,000
I. RATIONALE FOR PLANNING STUDY		
rationale for planning study <i>(0 to 30 points)</i> low = 0 to 10 medium = 11 to 20 high = 21 to 30	High. The Sears Point Bay Trail segment that is currently under construction will not connect to Highway 37 and the nearby Tubbs/Tolay Creek Trailhead. This study will identify options for closing an important gap in the Bay Trail in the North Bay.	26
	30 Points Possible	26
II. CRITICAL BAY TRAIL LINK		Score
length of segment <i>(3 or 5 points)</i> less than ½ mile = 3 ½ mile or greater = 5	.8 mile	5
gap closure <i>(5 to 15 points)</i> no closure = 5 extension of existing trail = 10 full closure = 15	Once complete, Sears Point Connection will result in full gap closure.	15

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spine, spur or connector <i>(4 to 10 points)</i> connector = 4 spur = 7 spine = 10	Spine.	10
	30 Points Possible	30
III. PARTNERSHIP / LEVERAGE		
collaboration between multiple parties <i>(0 to 5 points)</i>	This project is a collaboration between Sonoma County Regional Parks, Sonoma Land Trust, and Paradise Vineyards.	3
matching or in-kind services <i>(0 to 5 points)</i>	In-kind services in this phase include project management, provision of background information, review of documents, collaboration..	4
	10 Points Possible	7
IV. REGIONAL NEED / CONNECTIONS		
connects to existing trails and destinations <i>(0 to 5 points)</i>	The Sears Point Connection will connect 5.5 miles of existing Bay Trail at Sears Point, Sonoma Baylands and Port Sonoma Marina to an existing four miles of Bay Trail at Tubbs Island/Tolay Creek.	5
potential to serve as alternative transportation route <i>(0 to 5 points)</i>	This trail will be mainly used for recreational purposes.	1
facilitation of community access and connections <i>(0 to 5 points)</i>	The Sears Point Trail Connection will improve access to the shoreline in an area of the North Bay that affords very few opportunities to do so.	4
support in local plans <i>(0 to 5 points)</i>	Bay Trail Plan, Sonoma County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan	4
economically-disadvantaged community <i>(0 to 5 points)</i> 9% pop. or less below poverty level = 0; 10% pop. or greater below poverty level = 5	The nearest community is Petaluma which has 10% of its population living below the poverty level.	5
	25 Points Possible	19
V. COMMUNITY SUPPORT		
letters of support from partners and local advocates <i>(0 to 5 points)</i>	Sonoma Land Trust, pending letter from Paradise Vineyards	3
	5 Points Possible	3
Total Score	100 Points Possible	85